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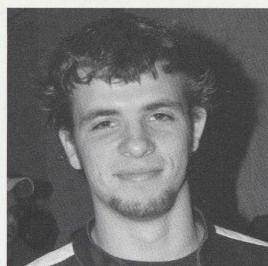
Students, faculty, and staff take part in the "Campus Climate in a Time of Change" dialogue held October 6 in the Jordan Student Academic Center Multipurpose Room. Participants had the opportunity to share their thoughts on the current environment of diversity on Kendall Green by relating positive experiences and moments that were more challenging. The two-hour program concluded with ideas for action to create a more productive, positive, and collaborative climate on campus. The activity, one of two campus-wide dialogues and a series of eight-week dialogues for students planned for the fall semester, was sponsored by the Office of the President.

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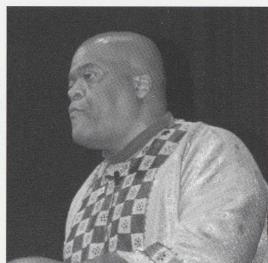
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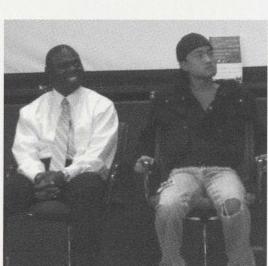
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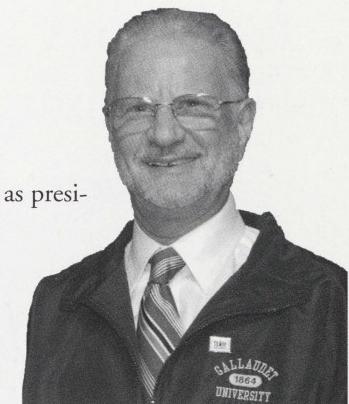
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T. Alan Hurwitz appointed Gallaudet's tenth president

Dr. T. Alan Hurwitz has been appointed by the Board of Trustees as Gallaudet University's tenth president. The announcement was made by Dr. Benjamin Soukup, chair of the Board of Trustees, on October 18 before an overflow crowd in the University's Swindells Auditorium.

Hurwitz currently serves as president of the National Technical Institute for the Deaf (NTID), one of eight colleges within the Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT), and vice president and dean of RIT. He has worked at NTID/RIT since 1970, first as an instructor in RIT's College of Engineering and, subsequently, as an NTID professor, department chair, dean, and the college's president. Throughout his career he has been active in a variety of professional organizations,

including serving as president of both the National Association of the Deaf and the World Organization of Jewish Deaf.



"In Dr. Alan Hurwitz the Board of Trustees has chosen a leader for Gallaudet who possesses an extensive and distinguished track record in the field of higher education for deaf and hard of hearing persons," said Soukup. "This expertise, along with his commitment to Gallaudet's unique mission and strategic plan, ensures that he is the right person to lead the University as it seeks to

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Audience members applaud during the presidential selection announcement made October 18 in Swindells Auditorium.

Progress made on President Davila's seven-point agenda for diversity

President Davila announced a seven-point agenda for diversity at Gallaudet when he was a guest at the National Conference of Black Deaf Advocates in St. Louis, Mo., in the summer of 2007. Since that time he has worked diligently to see that as much of that agenda as possible is enacted during his tenure.

The following is Dr. Davila's seven-point agenda and the progress that has been made to date toward fulfilling each initiative:

1. **Make academic achievement for students of color, grades K – 12, a priority.**
This point was expanded to include not only grades K through 12 but post-secondary students, as well. Two initiatives were started with the goal of improving retention and academic achievement among students of color:
 - a. **Keeping the Promise.** A pilot retention effort was started that targeted support for black deaf males, the group with the lowest retention rate. The program resulted in a 96 percent success rate in its first year in terms of students in the program who successfully completed the academic year, graduated, or returned. This was followed with the implementation of a second Keeping the Promise program for Latino students. The program attracted 73 percent of matriculating Latino students. The goal is to continue expanding the

program to other traditionally under-represented groups.

b. **Closing the Achievement Gap Research Planning Committee.** This group, which has representation from the University and the Clerc Center, was established to review and research successful programs across the country that are involved in the education of K-12 students. The issue of closing the achievement gap will continue to be addressed within the Long Range Strategic Plan in goals A - E by establishing a center to continue research, development, and evaluation of diversity, equity, and achievement by traditionally under-represented groups at the University level and in pre-K-12 settings.

2. **Direct the Development Office to make scholarships for students of color a priority.**
 - a. Davila initiated this initiative by reallocating \$100,000 from the University's budget to the Office of Financial Aid to assist students of color.
 - b. Funds (\$106,348) were donated to Gallaudet through the Development Office to assist all students, including students of color, who are in jeopardy of leaving school for financial reasons. The funds were distributed to students during fall 2009.

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Clerc Center Happenings

Eagle spirit soars at MSSD's 40th anniversary and Homecoming celebration



Photo: Tim Worthylake

A group of about 150 alumni form their alma mater's initial during MSSD's 40th anniversary and Homecoming celebration on September 26.

By Susan M. Flanigan

Over 500 MSSD alumni, teachers, staff, families, and friends gathered to celebrate MSSD's 40th anniversary and Homecoming on September 25 and 26.

The fun-filled weekend began with a Kick-Off Pep Rally featuring a guest performance by MSSD alumna and former Miami Dolphins cheerleader Lisa Fishbein; a roll call of the MSSD cheerleading, football, and volleyball teams by position and year; inspiring remarks by Gallaudet President Robert Davila and Clerc Center Dean Ed Bosso; and the introduction of the 2009 Homecoming Court.

On Saturday, alumni mingled at events held during the day, many wearing "Reflect, Remember, Reunite, and Review" anniversary T-shirts. There were plenty of opportunities for alumni to experience all four "R's." In the morning, they could attend the alumni meeting, take in a six-team volleyball tournament, or stop by the all-day Block Festival with its monster-size moon bounces and wide array of food booths. Before lunch, approximately 150 alumni gathered on the hillside near the football field for a photo op complete with lots of laughter as everyone sorted out how to form the shape of a giant "M." Throughout the day, alumni gathered in the MSSD lobby to reminisce over class photos, artifacts,

and 40-year highlights on display at the MSSD Museum, where championship jerseys hung from the ceiling. Alumni pored over copies of old yearbooks available for their perusal.

A rainy weekend did not deter the spirited turnout for MSSD's Homecoming game against Central Maryland Christian School and the crowning of the Homecoming king and queen. Tucked under umbrellas, the spectators cheered the team on to a 14-13 win.

The celebration culminated in style with an anniversary party that lasted long into the night. Alumni and friends gathered on the middle level of MSSD's parking garage, which had been transformed into an entertainment space with a DJ, a screen, a stage, twinkling lights, balloons, and long trestle tables laden with an array of hors d'oeuvres and desserts.

MSSD alumna and staff member Michelle Banks served as mistress of ceremonies for the party. Also a well-known stage actress, Banks performed part of her one-woman show, "Reflections of a Black Deaf Woman." Alumni/staff members Tyese Wright and Greg Anderson gave a spirited rendition of the "Eagle Song," accompanied by MSSD student Joseph Mosley on drum. Alumnus and former MSSD Athletics Director Mike Weinstock regaled the audience with memories as a student during MSSD's early days, where students and teachers



Photo: Susan Flanigan

MSSD student mime artists entertain the audience at Block Festival, one of the activities at MSSD's 40th anniversary celebration.

discussed every topic under the sun. Karl Ewan, from the MSSD Alumni Association, encouraged the audience to find ways to give back to MSSD and to share their time and talents. Staff member Jason Stewart finished off the entertainment with a mime performance, encouraging members of the audience to join him on stage.

Thanks to all who made this wonderful weekend possible, from the organizing staff and band of volunteers to all who came to take part in the celebration of MSSD's 40 years of Eagle pride, passion, and power. ■

Diversity agenda

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3. Appoint a person of color to the President's Management Team.

Mark Amissah was appointed to the President's Management Team in November 2007 as the president's leadership fellow for diversity initiatives and has served in that capacity until the present.

4. Establish a Diversity Team.

The president hosted a Town Hall meeting in January 2008 to kick off "Living Team Gallaudet," an initiative aimed at building a community of respect for all people and ideas. The chair, Dr. Ann Powell, and members of the Diversity Team were introduced to the campus community at a Town Hall meeting in May 2008. The team has made recommendations to the president and the recommendations have also been posted on the diversity website.

5. Establish measurable targets for the recruitment and retention of faculty and staff of color.

A working group was established to research the steps that need to be pursued to accomplish this goal. The past 10 years has resulted in a 40 percent gain in deaf professionals in our workforce. The current issue is how to diversify the workforce without diminishing our existing gains. The group recognizes the need to establish benchmarks on current faculty and staff at Gallaudet compared with our current student population and predictions for the diversity of future student populations.

6. Provide a University-wide training and education program to promote understanding, respect, and a commitment to diversity.

This effort has resulted in establishing an Intergroup Dialogue program. Intergroup dialogues are face-to-face meetings between members of two or more different groups that have a history of conflict. Based on the statistics collected from participant evaluations, this has been a successful initiative.

Two formats for intergroup dialogues have been practiced on campus:

a. **Eight-week dialogues.** These one-credit dialogues are offered during the fall and the spring on the following topics: "Language, Race, and LGBT," and "U.S. Born/International Born." They offer a longer time for students to discuss issues in depth on one of the topics mentioned above.

b. **Campus-wide dialogues.** These are one-time events scheduled for two to three hours and are open to the entire campus community. The campus dialogue topics scheduled during academic year 2008-2009 were: "Campus Climate," "Language and Bilingualism," "Race/Ethnicity," "Sex and Gender," and "Sexual Orientation."

7. Seek an active partnership with each of the national, local, and campus deaf organizations.

Community engagement has and is being addressed by the president and the president's fellow on diversity initiatives. Meetings have occurred with:

a. Local deaf organizations (DC Black Deaf Advocates, the National Deaf Blind Group, and the Deaf Latino Organization)

b. Student organizations to determine campus concerns

c. Faculty, staff, and students to establish better working relationships.

"As a community we are encouraged by the progress that has been made with the seven-point agenda and look forward to a continuation of Dr. Davila's diversity initiatives," said Powell. "It is the desire of the Diversity Team that this emphasis on diversity will continue under the leadership of our incoming president, Dr. Alan Hurwitz." ■

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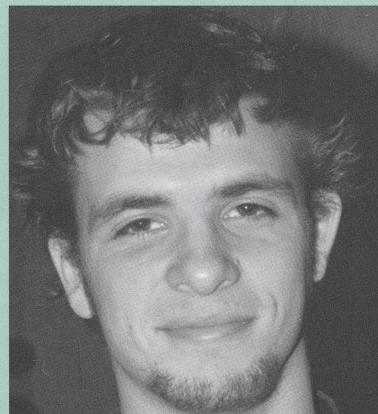
Roving Reporter

What do you think of the selection of Dr. T. Alan Hurwitz as the next president of Gallaudet University?



I think it's wonderful. Because I'm an alumna of RIT, I've seen that he has a big heart for students. He's very student-oriented.

Concetta Pucci, Ph.D. student,
Graduate Student Association
president



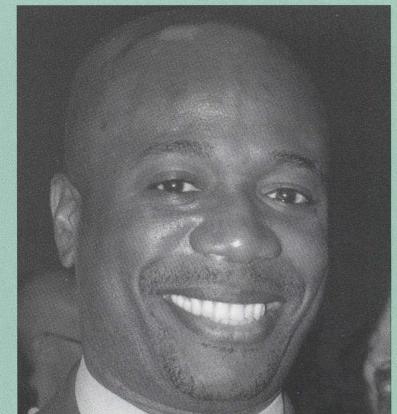
I believe the Board of Trustees made the right choice. I was pushing for Alan because of his unique approach and wisdom. He brings an outside perspective and I know he will run the university very effectively.

Christopher Corrigan
undergraduate



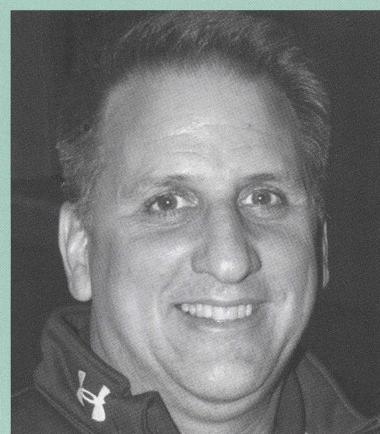
[Dr. Hurwitz] is older, while some of us envisioned a young president. At first, I wasn't sure about Robert Davila, but he proved us wrong. I have some reservations about Alan Hurwitz, but he may also prove us wrong.

Stephanie Ruiz, undergraduate



The board said that any of the candidates would have been wonderful. I agree with the board's assessment, and I think the fact that all of them are successful deaf leaders has a historical significance and resonates with the Deaf President Now movement.

Mark Amissah, presidential leadership fellow for diversity initiatives,
Office of the President



I am thrilled with the selection. The Clerc Center stood ready to serve any of the candidates and looks forward to working with Dr. Hurwitz. He is passionate about the quality of education and service for deaf students of all ages.

Edward Bosso, dean, Clerc Center



I think we had four great choices, and with the selection of Dr. Hurwitz we have found a person with a wealth of experience and a person the community can rally behind.

Ann Powell, professor and chair,
Department of Biology and chair
of the Diversity Team



He has a strong vision for Gallaudet. I'm not surprised the Board of Trustees chose him as president.

Zachary Ennis, undergraduate,
Student Body Government
president

Trustees to hold special meeting on campus in December

(The following letter was emailed to the campus community on October 20.)

Dear Campus Community:

This week, the Gallaudet community accomplished a very significant milestone, the selection of the University's tenth president, Dr. T. Alan Hurwitz. On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I want to thank everyone in the community—administration, faculty, staff, students, and alumni—for their enthusiastic participation in a successful selection process. Team Gallaudet has proven once again that the University embraces change and is on the path to a bold and bright future.

The Board of Trustees, President Davila, Dr. Hurwitz, and the Presidential Transition Advisory Committee (PTAC) will be planning a smooth transition during the coming weeks. Throughout this process, it is essential that faculty and staff continue their outstanding work with students and preparation for our next incoming group of young scholars.

The trustees will get another update on the vitally important work that is being

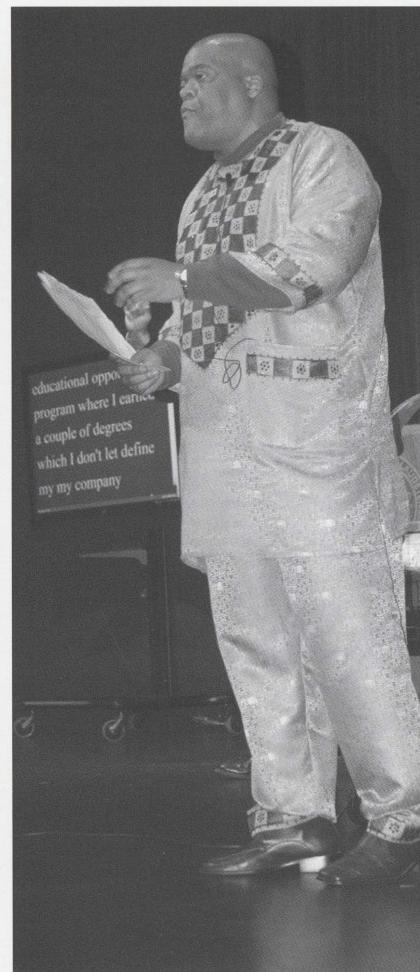
done to implement the Long Range Strategic Plan (LRSP) at a special meeting on campus in early December. Information that will be shared with the board at that meeting includes:

- Report on Enrollment Management
- A detailed LRSP budget and LRSP budget priorities for 2010-2012
- A process for program review and prioritization in academic offerings to ensure that they meet our students' needs in a changing world of work
- A report on the work force analysis

We expect the LRSP implementation process to continue throughout the remaining months of 2009 under the guidance of President Davila, and throughout the remaining years of the LRSP under Dr. Hurwitz's leadership. This plan will provide Dr. Hurwitz a strong foundation to work with the campus community so that, together, we can ensure a strong and viable Gallaudet for future generations of students.

Sincerely,
Benjamin J. Soukup, Jr.
Chair

Steve Birdine, a nationally acclaimed author and speaker on diversity issues, kicked off the Davila Diversity Lecture Series on September 29 with a presentation that challenged audience members to explore biases they may have towards groups different from themselves. Birdine, who is the president and CEO of Affirmations in Action, an organization that organizes workshops, seminars, and lectures that educate about diversity and develop leadership skills for minority groups, led a fast-paced, upbeat presentation that encouraged interaction from the audience. One of his messages was that "different is not deficient," and once the veneer of myths and stereotypes is peeled away, groups discover they have more commonalities than differences. Learning to work together is the key to shedding misconceptions, said Birdine, and accomplishing this makes it necessary for people to step outside their comfort zones and discuss difficult issues. This may not be easy for many individuals, but as he reminded the audience, "If you're always comfortable, you're not growing." President Davila prefaced the talk by commenting that presentations such as this encourage the campus to engage in a dialogue on diversity and address a goal of the University's Long Range Strategic Plan. He added, "I'm proud this (lecture) series bears my name, and I'm proud that it shows the community has turned a corner and is having open, honest discussions" that relate to a better understanding among the members of Gallaudet's diverse community. Birdine's presentation was sponsored by the Office of the President, the Office of Diversity and Equity for Students, and the National Conference on Race and Ethnicity in American Higher Education Committee.



Dr. T. Alan Hurwitz

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attract and educate students from a variety of educational and communication backgrounds."

Dr. Soukup introduced Dr. Hurwitz and Gallaudet's future first lady, Vicki Hurwitz, to the exuberant crowd that had assembled for the announcement. Hurwitz called the occasion "a very emotional time, as well as an exciting time for me and my wife, Vicki." He thanked the Board of Trustees and the Gallaudet community "for their support and confidence in my selection," he said. "I enthusiastically accept the appointment."

Hurwitz, who will take office in January, succeeds Dr. Robert Davila, the University's president since 2007. Hurwitz said, "I'm humbled to follow in Dr. Robert Davila's footsteps," and he praised the other finalists for the position—Dr. Roslyn Rosen, Dr. Ronald Stern, and Dr. Stephen Weiner—as "outstanding individuals. ... I love all three of them." Hurwitz said he looked forward to working closely with all the University's constituents in pursuing Gallaudet's mission and strategic goals.

Davila, who joined Hurwitz on the stage, remarked, "I'm confident he'll do well," and added that Gallaudet will be fortunate to benefit from "his wealth of skill and knowledge." Noting that Hurwitz was wearing a Gallaudet jacket, Davila commented, "One thing is missing," and went over to the next president to attach a "Team Gallaudet" pin to his jacket.

In closing, Gallaudet University Alumni Association (GUAA) President Alyce Slater Reynolds congratulated Hurwitz on behalf of GUAA's 17,000 members, and said, "We look forward to joining you on the journey we're taking." □



Bison Roundup

Gallaudet Athletics welcomes six new members to Hall of Fame

The 75th anniversary of Homecoming at Gallaudet University came to a grand close on October 25 when the Athletics Department inducted new members into the Hall of Fame at a ceremony in the Kellogg Conference Hotel. The members of the Hall of Fame Class of 2009 are: Charles Hammack, Robert Jackson, Richard Jacobs, Touria Boren, Michelle Poole, Vincent Silvestri, and Shannon Simon.

Homecoming was a busy weekend for athletics, with football, and men's and women's soccer, and volleyball home games. The football team hosted Becker College from the Eastern Collegiate Football Conference. Before the game, the Bison welcomed Race Drake, Sr. (Class of 1938) back to Kendall Green as honorary captain for the Buff and Blue. Drake was a member of the 1934 Bison football team that won the first-ever Gallaudet Homecoming game against Shenandoah.

The volleyball team hosted a tri-meet in the Field House that pitted Gallaudet against non-conference foes Scranton and Lebanon Valley. The women's soccer team hosted Lincoln (Pa.) University after the football game. The men's soccer team started the Homecoming Weekend the night before with a match against Hood College.

In the end, wins in volleyball, women's soccer, and football contests made the rainy Homecoming weekend a bright one for the Bison. The women's soccer squeaked past Lincoln University 3-2, and Bison football won a 37-0 shutout against Becker College. The volleyball team scored a win against the University of Scranton with a 3-0 score.

Field House boasts new features

The Athletics Department is proud to announce two facelifts in the Field House lobby. A new Hall of Fame display will be placed to the left of the main doors entering the gym and an illuminated, three-dimensional Bison Zone sign was installed above the snack bar.

"We are excited for these new enhancements to the Field House. The Hall of Fame was in need of a facelift. It is going to look first class," said Athletics Director Michael Weinstock. "The new Bison Zone name change and sign are very nice and should attract more customers during volleyball and basketball games."

The Hall of Fame display will be done in a three phases, and will be completed in 2010.

Bison Baseball Club

The baseball program, guided by coach Curtis Pride, announces the formation of the new Bison Baseball Club. The mission of the club is to help generate involvement and support from alumni, students, family, and friends. This support is vital for the development of the baseball program so it can compete at the highest level of NCAA Division III.

"I want everyone in the Gallaudet family to share in the success of our hard work and dedication," said Pride. "I know that together we can take our baseball program to the next level."

The funds generated through the Bison Baseball Club will be used to support basic and essential needs, such as spring training travel expenses, practice equipment and apparel, and video equipment for webcasting home games.

To become a club member, go to www.gallaudetathletics.com/sports/bsb/2009-10/pdf/bisonclubbrochure.pdf.

Questions about the Bison Baseball Club may be directed to Coach Pride at curtis.pride@gallaudet.edu or club president Ken Barksdale at kbarksdale@globaltrackinggroup.com. □



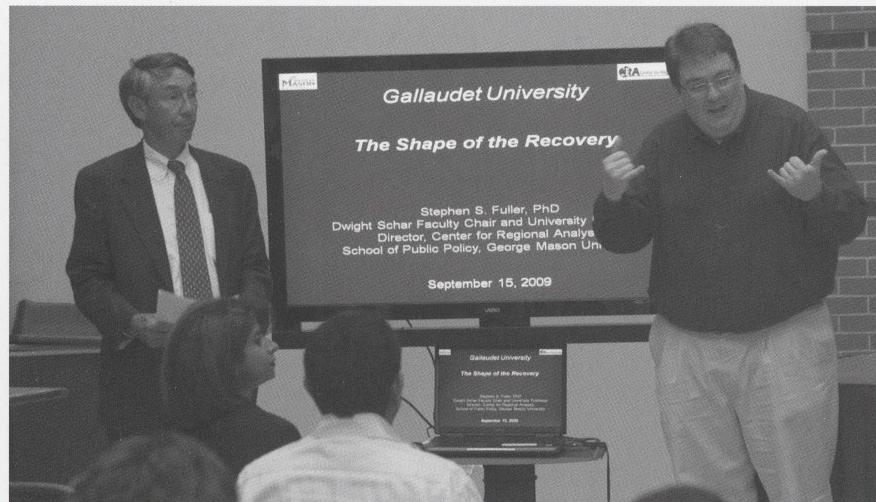
FROM LEFT: Dr. T. Alan Hurwitz addresses the crowd in the Swindells Auditorium after he was declared the next president of Gallaudet; Dr. Davila shakes the hand of his successor; Board of Trustees Chair Benjamin Soukup (left) stands with president-designate Hurwitz and first lady-designate Vicki Hurwitz.

Among Ourselves

For Every Man, Woman, and Child, a play by Theatre Arts Department Chair Willy Conley, was produced September 25 to October 4 at Kent State University at Trumbull. The production was also staged at the 24th Annual International Conference on Medievalism at Siena College in New York on October 9. The conference program included a seminar on Conley's work: "See Neomedieval, Speak/Sign Neomedieval, Hear/See Neomedieval: Teaching Willy Conley's ASL/English Adaptation of Everyman" and "Slip of the Tongue, Slip of the Hand: Willy Conley's Slippery Adaptation of Everyman." In addition, the National Technical Institute for the Deaf's Performing Arts Department produced Conley's play, *Vignettes of the Deaf Character*, October 15 to 18.

During a 2008 sabbatical, Dr. Carol Cutler Riddick, a professor in the Department of Physical Education and Recreation, completed a number of speaking engagements and activities. This past February, she gave two keynote talks at Buckinghamshire New University, High Wycombe, England. The first address, "Designing and Implementing Small-Scale Research Projects: Reflecting Upon and Living Through Your First Research Project," was presented at the Annual Student Conference. The second talk, "How Can Teaching, Service, and Research Fit Together," was given at the Faculty of Enterprise and Innovation's Scholarship Conference. In July, Riddick gave the keynote address, "Gerontology-Leisure Research: The Past and the Future," at the International Conference on Third Age and Leisure Research, held in High Wycombe. The same month, she co-presented a paper,

"Practicing Yoga Later in Life: A Mixed-Methods Study of British Women," at the 2009 Leisure Studies Association Conference in Canterbury, England. Riddick has also consented to a nomination to serve on the Elderhostel's K. Patricia Cross Doctoral Research Grant Selection Committee. Awardees received \$5,000 to support dissertation research that contributes to society's understanding of aging and later-life learning. Finally, in August, Riddick was conveyed a visiting fellow title with the Centre for Time Use Research at Oxford University in Oxford, England.



George Mason University professor Stephen Fuller (left) presents "The Shape of the Recovery." During his September 15 talk, Dr. Fuller, who is George Mason's Dwight Scholar Faculty Chair and director of its Center for Regional Analysis in School of Public Policy, outlined national economic trends over the past year and gave his projection on the outcomes of the current recession and economic recovery. He also discussed the Washington area economy, how it differs from the overall U.S. economy, and how he believes it will perform over the next several years. Fuller examined job growth and the decline in unemployment over the next couple of years. His visit to campus was hosted by the Career Center and facilitated by Interim Director Anjali Desai-Margolin. (Also pictured is Gallaudet Interpreting Service interpreter Joseph McCleary.)



Families have positive experience at New International Student Orientation



English Language Institute student Dhruv Dhawan (left) visits the office of Provost Stephen Weiner with his parents, Sunil (second from right) and Manisha Dhawan.

By Dr. Asiah Mason

International flags surrounded Lincoln Circle, greeting visitors to New International Student Orientation Week, held August 16 to 28 and sponsored by the Center for International Programs and Services (CIPS), a unit of the College of Professional Studies and Outreach. Forty-two new English Language Institute (ELI) students arrived on the Gallaudet campus, eight accompanied by their parents and families who flew in from Holland, India, Spain, Jordan, Nigeria, and Belgium to see them off on a new adventure.

For the families of these new international students, the first day of orientation was punctuated with nervous introductions and separation anxieties that, thankfully, turned into a positive experience, gaining them new friendships and making them eager to return home as volunteer recruiters for Gallaudet.

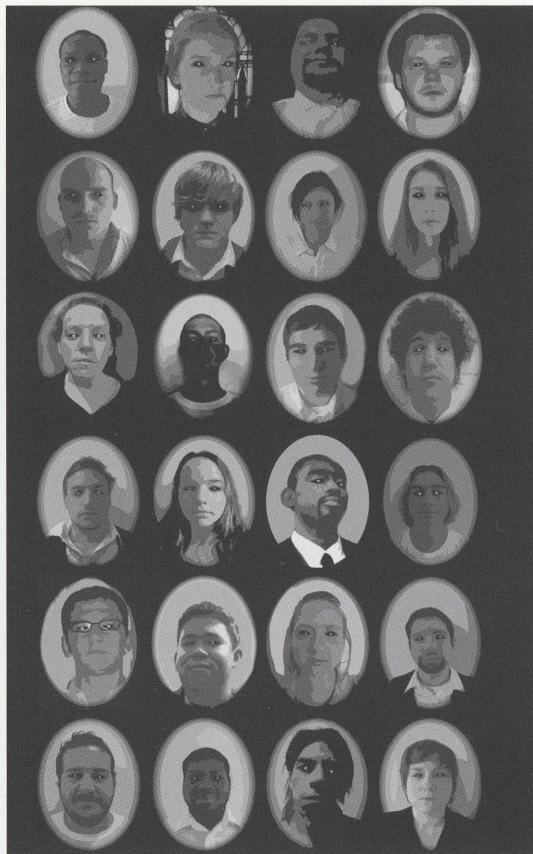
Mr. Sunil Dhawan, Mrs. Manisha Dhawan, and their son, Dhruv Dhawan, from Mumbai, India, were one such family. Mr. and Mrs. Dhawan came to Gallaudet planning to stay for two weeks to make sure their son arrived safely, adjusted to his environment, and to advocate on his behalf for the best classes and best service from Gallaudet. But after a few days, the couple expressed that they were so pleased with the orientation program and the performance and dedication of the CIPS staff that they were planning to leave early. However,

because they had quickly become friends with the CIPS team, they decided to stay for the full two weeks. While they were on campus, the Dhawans also had the opportunity to meet with Provost Stephen Weiner.

In Mumbai, Mr. and Mrs. Dhawan are business owners and prominent members of their community. Mr. Dhawan is also a board member of the Rotary Sanskardham School for the Hearing Impaired in Mumbai. Before leaving their son, the Dhawans were interviewed by CIPS staff on their experience at Gallaudet. They shared that they were so impressed with the ELI program and the Gallaudet campus that they promised to promote Gallaudet at home and encourage deaf and hard of hearing students in India to consider enrolling here.

As a result of their advocacy, the Rotary Sanskardham School has officially requested a partnership with Gallaudet to establish an ELI program and a one-year dual enrollment program with the University on its campus. Dr. Asiah Mason, CIPS director, and Dr. Madan Vasishta, associate professor in the Department of Administration and Supervision, who will be leading a Gallaudet India Study Tour in January, plan to visit the school to have an in-depth discussion about this potential partnership. □

Twelve Gallaudet students received scholarships totaling over \$24,000 at the Rotary Day 2009 luncheon held September 30 in the Peikoff Alumni House. The awards came from Rotary Club chapters within Rotary District 7620 of Rotary International. Donald Walters (back row, second from left) of the Greater Severna Park Rotary Club added to the award benefits by bestowing each recipient with an honorary Rotary membership for a year, a membership certificate, and a Rotary pin. In addition, each received a one-year subscription to *The Rotarian*, Rotary International's magazine. Also pictured are Rotarians Anna-Mae Kobbe (front row, second from left) from the College Park club and Henry Tate (back row, third from left) from the Potomac club, and students (from left) Joanna Katz, James Caverly, Meera Domir, Gabriel Soje, Corey Clark, Sarah Hogue, Aldo Cornejo, Song Hoa Choi, and Cheryl Shahan.



Theatre Arts presents 'Spoon River Anthology'

This is not going to be another poetry reading: *Spoon River Anthology* is an experimental exploration into what may define deaf theatre in the 21st century.

Spoon River is a series of epitaph-monologues delivered by the ghosts of the deceased citizens of the fictional town of Spoon River, Ill. Made truly equal by and in death, they reveal the secrets they guarded during their days on earth.

In 1915, Edgar Lee Masters' book by the same name shocked America and obliterated the romantic myth of village life. With almost 100 actors, Gallaudet's production of *Spoon River*, directed by Ethan Sinnott, is a modern, multimedia adaptation designed to resurrect the shock value of Master's notorious classic.

This show is appropriate for patrons age 12 years and up. Children under the age of 5 will not be permitted in the theatre.

Performances are October 29 to 31 and November 5 to 7 at 8 p.m. in Elstad Auditorium. This production runs approximately two hours. There is no intermission. All performances will be captioned.

Full-time Gallaudet students who have paid the unit fee receive one free ticket with ID; non-Gallaudet students with ID: \$8 online, \$10 at the Box Office window; adults: \$12 online, \$15 at the Box Office window. Groups of 10 or more people may call x5500/x5502 (TTY) or email theatre.tickets@gallaudet.edu. The Theatre Arts website is theatrearts.gallaudet.edu; to buy tickets online, go to theatre-arts-department.ticketleap.com.

Elstad Auditorium Box Office hours: October 26 to 28 and November 2 to 4, 2-5 p.m.; October 29 to 31 and November 5 to 7, 6-8 p.m. All sales are final.

Dear Cousin Sally

Dear Cousin Sally,

What is the current status of the Capital City Market Development? Where can I find more information and keep abreast of the updates?

Curious about Capital City

Dear Curious,

Wouldn't you know it? Just this past September, Hansel Bauman and Fred Weiner testified on this very subject at the D.C. Council's Florida Avenue Market Small Area Plan Hearing. The office where these two gents work was kind enough to send along their testimony from the hearing, which will give you an idea of the sort of things the plan will allow to take place. I cherry picked a few statements for your reading pleasure. Read on for more information and a place to keep on top of the latest updates.

"With an eye toward the future vitality of our community and the University, Gallaudet offers its support for the Florida Avenue Market Small Area Plan that positions the revitalized Market as a pedestrian-oriented mixed-use neighborhood. As the plan describes, the market will be a 'unique place, a working place' where 'the historic origins of the market area are present,'" Bauman told the council. He also stated, "The market will serve as a critical link between surrounding neighborhoods, the NoMA [North of Massachusetts Avenue] district, the New York Avenue Metro stop, and Gallaudet University."

One important part of Bauman and Weiner's vision is an "innovation lab," a building concept that came from—where else?—the Gallaudet community. More specifically, the inspiration popped up in April 2008 after a meeting of a variety of community members.

The Gallaudet University Innovation Lab—which is a working title for a building with a bunch of different purposes—will bring together a number of wonderful ideas and plunk them down right on the Gallaudet campus. Bauman told the council that he sees the lab as a way to "integrate with the community" and "build new partnerships that link Gallaudet's vast intellectual and cultural resources with other institutions and the District's emerging creative industries such as media production, the design professions, the arts, and cultural venues."

As it turns out, soon after the hearing where Bauman gave that fine testimony, the council passed the Florida Avenue Market Small Area Plan.

I hope this answers your questions, Curious. To find out more, point your computer toward gallaudetinnovationlab.org.

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Campus Calendar

For the most up-to-date listing of campus events, go to: calendar.gallaudet.edu.



Members of a student panel discuss conflicts and effective resolution strategies as part of a celebration of International Conflict Resolution Day on October 15. The panel included (from left) graduate student Gabriel Soje and undergraduates Joseph Lewis, Leala Holcomb, and Stephanie Johnson. Student Leah Katz-Hernandez was also scheduled to appear on the panel, but was unable to attend. The event was hosted by the Office of the Ombuds and facilitated by Ombuds Suzy Rosen Singleton. The student-led program, held in the Merrill Learning Center, encouraged audience members to bring up and hash out a variety of conflicts, from the personal to the political.



President Davila is pictured with family members of the late Louise and Luther Miller, who were among the group of parents of African American deaf students who successfully sued the Washington, D.C. Board of Education in 1952 for denying their children admittance to Kendall School. Until that year, the only public school option for these students was the Maryland School for the Colored Deaf near Baltimore. The photo was taken in front of a plaque, located at the entrance of the Kellogg Conference Hotel, honoring the students, parents, and teachers who went through this event. The hotel occupies the former site of the separate school facilities for African American students that Gallaudet constructed following the court decision. All of Gallaudet's facilities were subsequently desegregated following the landmark 1954 decision by the Supreme Court in *Brown v. Board of Education*. In 2007, Gallaudet hosted a conference to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the federal legislation that created Kendall School and, ultimately, Gallaudet University. One of the papers presented at the conference was about *Miller v. D.C. Board of Education* and Louise Miller's role in seeking an education at Kendall School for her son, Kenneth. A collection of essays from presentations at the conference, *A Fair Chance in the Race for Life*, has been published by the Gallaudet University Press. Shown with Dr. Davila are (from left): Gerald Miller, Carol Miller Hill, Kenneth Miller, and Justin Miller—children of Louise and Luther Miller, and Beverly Miller (Justin's wife) and Lavonda Miller (Gerald's wife).